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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Norikazu ARAI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2655  
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Application No.: 09/712,231 ) Examiner: N. Hindi  
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Filed: November 15, 2000 )  
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For: OPTICAL PICK-UP APPARATUS, )  
OPTICAL ELEMENT, AND )  
OBJECTIVE LENS HAVING )  
DIFFRACTING SECTION )

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated February 27, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for two months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title to read -- OPTICAL PICK-UP APPARATUS, OPTICAL ELEMENT, AND OBJECTIVE LENS HAVING DIFFRACTING SECTION --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 22, 23, and 36, as follows:

1. (Amended) An optical pickup apparatus to conduct reproducing and/or recording information of a first optical information recording medium including a first

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